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## Church News

### JULY COLLECTIONS.

The month of July is set apart by the General Assembly for Ministerial Relief. Send remittances to Mr. John Stites, treasurer, 110 Fifth street, Louisville, Ky.

### CHINA.

Nanking Theological Seminary: Rev. J. Leighton Stuart, D. D., requests that the funds for the Seminary be discontinued. The amount already subscribed is \$185, which will be sent to Rev. J. W. Davis, D. D., Nanking, China.

### ALABAMA.

Collinsville Church: Mr. J. E. Hixson, a recent graduate of Austin College, will supply this church for the summer. A protracted meeting is being planned, to begin on July 11, conducted by Rev. Wm. E. Hill, of Gadsden.

Birmingham: At a congregational meeting of the First Church, held immediately after the morning service June 20, it was decided that Dr. John W. Stagg be requested to withdraw his resignation as pastor of the church. After several talks on the subject, the following was adopted: "The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church has received with sadness and regret the resignation of its pastor, the Rev. John W. Stagg, D. D. We recognize in him a faithful and sympathetic friend, a sincere, devoted and courageous minister of the Gospel and one of the ablest preachers within the confines of the Southern Presbyterian Church. We feel persuaded that his withdrawal from the pastorate at this time to enter another and a different field means a great loss to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in general, and to this congregation in particular, that we should unite in an effort to secure from Dr. Stagg a reconsideration of his decision. Therefore be it resolved, That a committee of

five be appointed by the moderator of this meeting to call upon Dr. Stagg, and in behalf of this congregation to request him to withdraw his resignation as pastor of this church, and said committee to report to a called meeting of this congregation on Sabbath morning, June 27.

### ARKANSAS.

De Queen: The Session set apart the first Sunday of June as Decision Day in the Sunday-school, and the second Sunday as Children's Day. There were good results from both, and the effect was very impressive on the Sunday-school. There have recently been seven additions to the membership of this church.

Cane Hill: We have recently enjoyed a splendid meeting here. Rev. Dr. R. B. Willis, of Fayetteville, did the preaching, Rev. A. E. Miller, of Barstow, Texas, directed the singing, and Rev. J. E. Wylie, evangelist for Washburn Presbytery, acted as pastor. The church was greatly helped.

Augusta: Rev. W. H. Richards writes: "Our church had no pastor a little over a year ago and was in a very discouraged condition. They had been paying two hundred dollars for one-half of a minister's time. Rev. M. D. Williams was called for half of his time, and four hundred dollars, with a manse, promised. His first year has just been completed, and instead of four hundred dollars six has been paid him. Quite an addition has been made to the manse, built by the pastor. The ladies lately placed electric chandeliers in the church and have on hand sufficient money to have the building repainted. Excellent offerings have been made to all of the causes. Pastor and people are greatly encouraged. The membership numbers about fifty. During our meeting two deacons were elected, ordained and installed and one elder. Three adult members were received into the membership. The offering for Presbyterian Home Missions amounted to \$59.27, and \$5.70 for incidentals. My next appointment is at Wynne."

Arkansas Synodical Home Missions: The following amounts have been subscribed by the Churches and individuals of the Synod for Home Missions: Presbytery of Arkansas, Augusta, \$40; Argenta, \$32; Batesville, \$310; Blytheville, \$60; Conway, \$27; Cotton Plant, \$44; Cotter, \$5; Des Arc, \$32; DeValls Bluff, \$39; Earle, \$43; Forest City, \$49; Jonesboro, \$176; Lonoke, \$31; Little Rock, Central, \$113; Marianna, \$50; Newport, \$97; Osceola, \$39; Searcy, \$42; Walnut Ridge, \$70; Wynne, \$150. Total, \$1,443.85.

Presbytery of Ouachita: Arkadelphia, \$151; Camden, \$171; Champion Hill, \$30; De Queen, \$100; Dobyville, \$16; Gurdon, \$69; Hope, \$309; Hot Springs, \$200; Junction City, \$190; Louisville, \$36; Magnolia, \$30; Malvern, \$123; Marlbrook, \$7; Mena, \$51; Mt. Holly, \$15; Nashville, \$25; Prescott, \$65; Scotland, \$52; Stamps, \$109; Texarkana, First, \$190; Washington, \$50. Total, \$1,993.01.

Presbytery of Pine Bluff: Carthage, \$15; Clarendon, \$33; Dermott, \$56; Fordyce, \$452; Helena, \$100; Holly Grove, \$86; Hamburg, \$112; Monticello, \$287; Princeton, \$45; Pine Bluff, First, \$500; Warren, \$276; Wilmot, \$42. Total, \$2,010.25.

Presbytery of Washburn: Alma, \$18; Bentonville, \$35; Cane Hill, \$33; Charleston, \$44; Dardanelle, \$72; Fayetteville, \$67; Ft. Smith, \$400; Hazel Glenn, \$33; Morilton, \$61; Russellville, \$86; Springdale, \$24; Individual, \$15. Total, \$891.89. Total for the Synod, \$6,339. Several churches yet to be reported.

J. C. Williams, Chairman.

### GEORGIA.

Villa Rica: This church has recently made extensive and needed repairs upon its building and is now in quite attractive and comfortable quarters. Its growth has been steady, slow and gratifying.

Carrollton: With an enrolled membership of 89 and a resident membership of 68, this church last year contributed to all causes \$2,099, giving of this amount \$625 to Foreign Missions. Eight members were received into its communion, one died and six were dismissed to other Presbyterian Churches.

Rev. J. Dowell Fleming writes: "Without designating any work I am the evangelist for Augusta Presbytery, and am constantly engaged in the work. On last Sunday and Monday, I preached at Gough and received two additions to the membership. This church has thirty members and a bright promise for the future. I am assisting Rev. D. N. Yarbro at Monticello in a meeting. My next appointment is Crawfordsville."

Augusta Presbytery: The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call a meeting of Augusta Presbytery to be held at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon, July 2, 1909, in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, to attend to the following business: (1) To hear and consider the request of Rev. J. T. Plunket, D. D., for a dissolution of his pastoral relation with the First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, Ga. (2) To dismiss the Rev. J. T. Plunket, D. D., if the way be clear, to the North Alabama Presbytery.

G. M. Howerton, Moderator.

Atlanta, Westminster Church: In addition to the regular services of Westminster this week protracted services will begin on Wednesday evening, Dr. R. O. Flinn preaching each evening. A series of cottage prayer meetings have been arranged to be held at 5 o'clock each afternoon in the homes of the members of the congregation. We are praying for a special blessing at our July communion season.

First Church, Athens: Rev. E. L. Hill, pastor. The annual report of this church shows a total membership of 514, eighteen having been received during the year by letter and seventeen by profession of faith; 503 officers, teachers and scholars in the four Sunday-schools of the church. The contributions for the year were as follows: Foreign Missions,